Recreation Fee Demonstration Program

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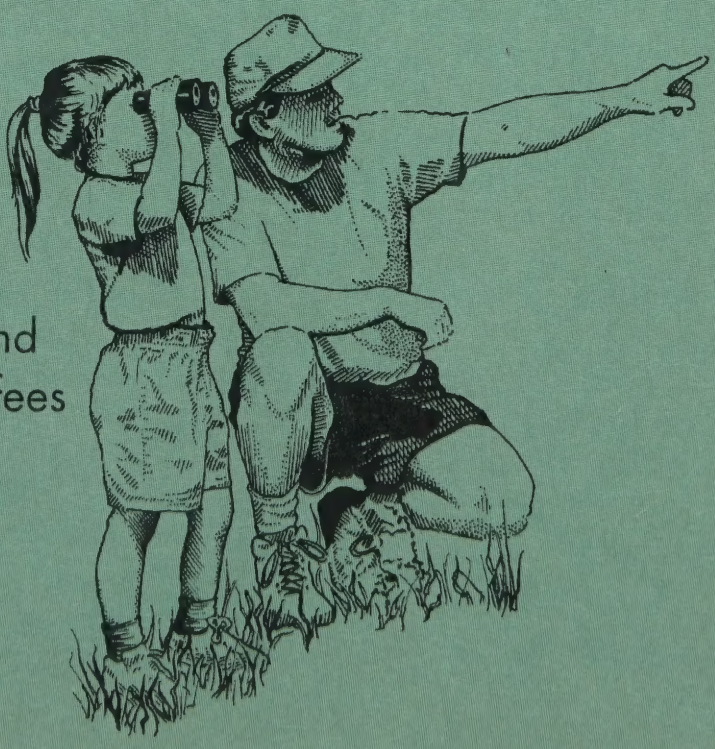
Welcome to Your Public Lands

This recreation area is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), a Federal agency within the U.S. Department of the Interior. The BLM is participating in a 3-year Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, authorized by Congress in 1996. The purpose of this program is to test the effectiveness of collecting fees to help maintain Federal recreation facilities and enhance visitor services and wildlife habitat. We think you'll agree that reasonable user fees are better than closed recreation sites and reduced services.

We encourage you to make comments and suggestions. During this 3-year test, let us know if you feel we've used your fees wisely to improve the facilities and recreation opportunities that you enjoy.

What's New

- The BLM will charge reasonable fees at more of our recreational areas and facilities.
- The BLM plans to reinvest 100% of the fees collected at the site of collection.
- Fees will be based on comparisons with other local facilities and actual costs of operation.
- The BLM will tell visitors how much money is collected and how those fees are used.



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Whenever you see this sign, you will be entering a recreation area that is participating in the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program.

Your Fees Can Be Used For:

- Visitor facility repair and maintenance
- Natural and cultural history exhibits, talks, and tours
- Visitor services
- Signs
- Habitat improvement
- Facility enhancement
- Resource conservation
- Law enforcement related to visitor services

Why Are New Fees Necessary?

Outdoor recreation is more popular now than ever before. In 1996, you and others made more than 60 million recreation visits to BLM-administered lands to enjoy skiing, fishing, hiking, camping, and many more outdoor activities.

Providing recreation opportunities and facilities costs money. In the past, Congressionally appropriated dollars have been the chief source of funding for recreation services. Efforts to control Federal spending have meant that our recreation budget has not kept pace with the growing public demand. Reduced operations and deferred maintenance at recreation sites are becoming too common.

Previously, we've charged fees for certain services and facilities, such as campgrounds. Now we're able to expand this "user pay" philosophy to benefit more people who value public land recreation experiences.

Who's Participating?

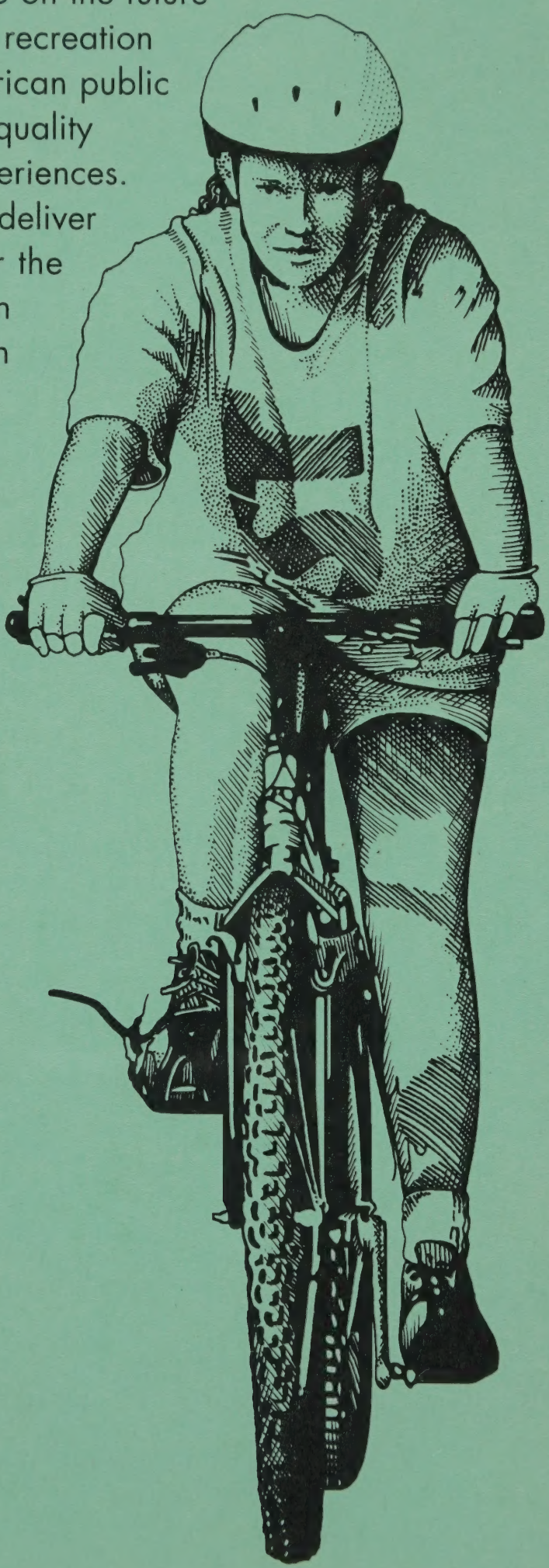
The BLM is participating in this program with the National Park Service, the USDA Forest Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Together, we are responsible for providing quality public recreation opportunities on one-third of the Nation's public land!

What Will the Pilot Program Accomplish?

We are testing different site types, sizes, and locations with different fee rates for facilities and services. Each Federal agency will be evaluating the impacts of fees on recreation use, local economies, and the recreating public to determine public support for the new fee system and how well it is working. Results and recommendations will be reported annually to the public and to Congress.

What Will Happen After this Fee Demonstration Program?

This demonstration program will help us to develop a simple, efficient, and convenient fee system. Congress will use information from the pilot program to decide on the future use of Federal recreation fees. The American public deserves high-quality recreation experiences. We pledge to deliver great value for the fees you pay in conjunction with experiences on your public lands.



We Want to Know What You Think!

One purpose of the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program is to understand what the public feels is a fair system for recovering visitor program costs on public lands. We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have about the particular site you are visiting or the new fee system in general.

Filling out the comment card is voluntary. Please drop the card (on right) in the mail when you are finished. No stamp is necessary! You can also visit our homepage on the World Wide Web and provide your comments online at:

http://www.blm.gov.

Thank you for helping to shape the future recreation fee system!

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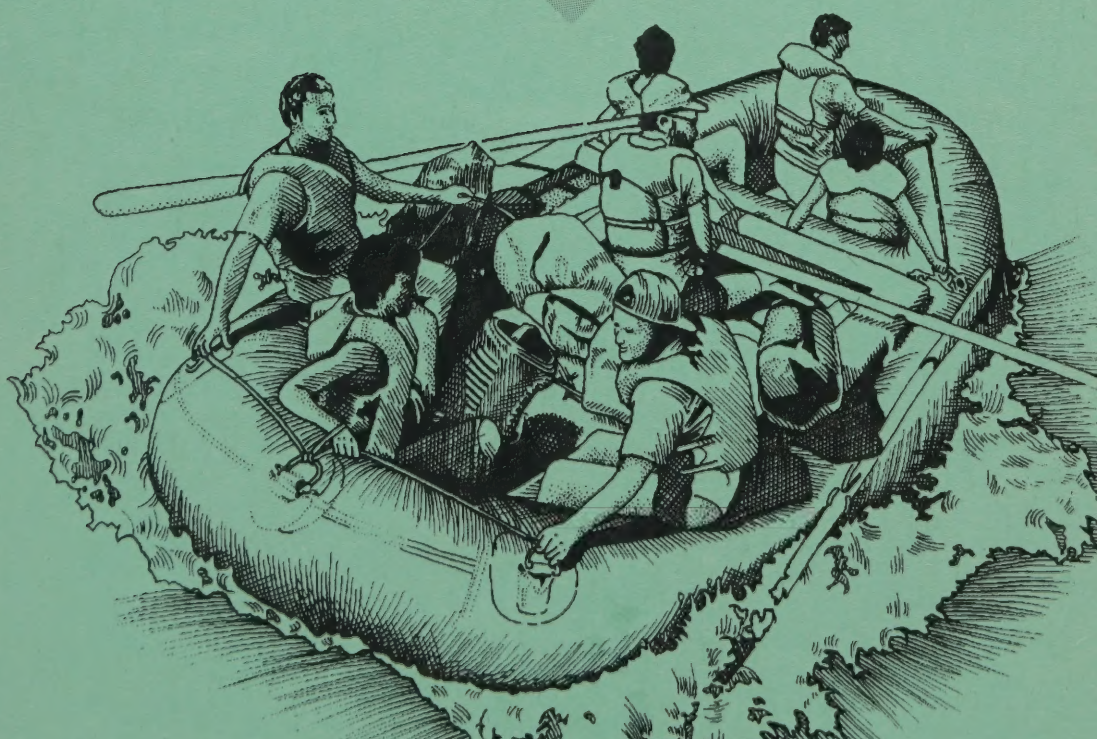

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Comment Card

State you are visiting: _____

Date you are visiting this facility: _____

Recreation site you are visiting: _____

Name: (Optional) _____

Address: (Optional) _____

Please rate the following statements from 1 to 5, with 1 being "I strongly agree" and 5 being "I strongly disagree," or NA for "Not applicable." (Circle one please)

Cost/Value: The value of the recreation opportunities and services I experienced was at least equal to the fee I was asked to pay.

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Charging Fees on Public Lands: Recreationists should help pay for visitor services on public lands by paying recreation fees.

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Information: I was informed in a friendly and positive manner about the recreation facility's rules, including any fees that needed to be collected, and/or the fee information was easy to understand.

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Cleanliness: The recreation facility/area, including toilets, is clean and litter-free.

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Setting: Use of the site is not harming the environment.

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comments/Suggestions: _____

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